



PIPELINE

A Publication of NH Area 43 Assembly

September 2016

ATTENTION ALL AA MEMBERS!

**The PI/CPC Committee is back in action
and hitting the ground running!**

PLEASE COME TO THE FIRST MEETING ...

**on Tuesday, Sept. 6th at 7pm at the Area Office
and every month on the first Tuesday!**

Hello! I have just recently been appointed as the Area PI/CPC Committee Chair.

If you are passionate about Service, or curious to find out what PI/CPC is all about, please come by Hooksett office on 9/6, Tuesday at 7pm!

All DCMs, please forward this information to GSRs in your District so that they can share with their home group.

Please note that as long as you are a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and you would like to get active in PI/CPC Committee at the Area level, you are welcome to come! I look forward to seeing all of you and grow

this committee together with Unity in mind.

The PI/CPC Committee has already booked three upcoming events before the year-end, including "Hope for Recovery NH Rally" in Manchester, NE Drug Court, and AALR - supported by GSO.*

We will be attending workshops such as "Speaking in public" as a team, and start brainstorming various outreach strategies to the Professional Community, and much more!!!

Please help spread the word!

Thank you for your service,
Julia M.

*See my additional note on the next page.



Tradition Nine

**"A.A., as such, ought
never be organized; but
we may create service
boards or committees
directly responsible to
those they serve.**

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September Issue
of the
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**Featuring stories from
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& Sober**

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NH AREA 43 CHALLENGE

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Per Year***

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Perhaps organize a special
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OF THIS NEWSLETTER
AND FEEL FREE TO COPY
AND PASS AROUND!**

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FROM THE AREA PI/CPC CHAIR

I am thrilled to announce that the PI/CPC Committee has secured a booth for the "Hope for NH Recovery NH Rally" on 9/7/2016 in Manchester, NH. We are planning on having a team of two from our Committee who will be ready to answer any questions about the disease of alcoholism and how the program of Alcoholics Anonymous may help recover those who are still suffering. The Committee is planning on bringing a variety of pamphlets/literature as well as our Display board so that we can attract and reach as many people as possible, and let them know that there is hope.

Having said that, I would like to reiterate, the Committee would hold ourselves responsible for upholding our traditions at all times during this event.

Based on multiple in-depth conversations with the even coordinator at the Rally, I am confident to say that the staff at the Rally understands fully our stance and our traditions:

We are not to affiliate nor are we there to promote/sponsor this event (in keeping with Tradition 6 & 7.) Neither our logo nor our name

is to be used in any promotional materials (in keeping with Tradition 12.) We are there purely to cooperate with this rally. We are to make sure our anonymity is to be maintained at the level of press, radio, and films (in keeping with Tradition 11.)

Lastly, I was informed by the Event Coordinator that this Rally is expecting foot traffic of around 800-1000 if not more. This is truly a huge opportunity for us: not only to inform the public what A.A. can do for those who are still suffering from alcoholism but also, simultaneously for outreach to various other Professional Communities who will be at the event including but not limited to, hospitals, rehab centers, treatment centers, the state government body, etc. The Committee is optimistic about possible opportunities in cooperation with them as well.

On behalf of the PI/CPC Committee of Area 43, I would like to thank the Area in supporting the "Kick-off" of our very first event.

In Love and Service,
Julia M.

Alcoholics

Anonymous® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

• The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

• A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

• Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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Happy, Joyous & Free

Primary Purpose Workshop

Presented at the NH Area Assembly, August 27, 2016, Kittery, Maine

As I start this presentation, ponder this; what does primary purpose mean to you?

Let me start with a little history.

The Washingtonian movement was a fellowship founded on April 2, 1840 by six alcoholics in Baltimore, Maryland. The idea was that by relying on each other, sharing their alcoholic experiences and creating an atmosphere of conviviality, they could keep each other sober.

Sounds like A.A. doesn't it?

Total abstinence from alcohol was their goal. The group taught sobriety and preceded Alcoholics Anonymous by almost a century. Members sought out other "drunkards" (the term alcoholic had not yet been created), told them their experiences with alcohol abuse and how the Society had helped them achieve sobriety. With the passage of time the Society became a prohibitionist organization in that it promoted the legal and mandatory prohibition of alcoholic beverages.

Washingtonians at their peak numbered in the tens of thousands, possibly as high as 600,000. However, in the space of just a few years, this society all but disappeared because they became fragmented in their primary purpose, becoming involved with all manner of controversial social reforms including prohibition, sectarian religion, politics and abolition of slavery.

The Washingtonians drifted away from their initial purpose of helping the individual alcoholic, and disagreements, infighting, and controversies over prohibition eventually destroyed the group.

The Washingtonians became so thoroughly extinct that, some 50 years later in 1935 when Bill and Dr. Bob joined together in forming Alcoholics Anonymous, neither of them had ever heard of the Washingtonians.

April 1948, Vol. 4 No. 11, Grapevine

Editorial: On the 5th Tradition

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose--that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Says the old proverb, "Shoemaker, stick to thy last." Trite, yes. But very true for us of A.A. How well we need to heed the principle that it is better to do one thing supremely well than many things badly.

Because it has now become plain enough that only a recovered alcoholic can do much for a sick alcoholic, a tremendous responsibility has descended upon us all, an obligation so great that it amounts to a sacred trust. For to our kind, those who suffer alcoholism, recovery is a matter of life or death. So the society of Alcoholics Anonymous cannot, it dare not ever be diverted from its primary purpose.

Temptation to do otherwise will come aplenty. Seeing fine works afoot in the field of alcohol, we shall be sorely tempted to loan out the name and credit of Alcoholics Anonymous to them; as a movement we shall be beset to finance and endorse other causes. Should our present success continue, people will commence to assert that A.A. is a brand new way of life, maybe a new religion, capable of saving the world. We shall be told it is our bounden duty to show modern society how it ought to live.

Oh, how very attractive these projects and ideas can be! How flattering to imagine that we might be chosen to demonstrate that olden mystic promise: "The first shall be last and the last shall be first." Fantastic, you say. Yet some of our well-wishers have begun to say such things.

Fortunately most of us are convinced that these are perilous speculations, alluring ingredients of that new heady wine we are now being offered, each bottle marked "Success"!

Of this subtle vintage may we never

drink too deeply. May we never forget that we live by the Grace of God--on borrowed time; that anonymity is better than acclaim; that for us as a movement poverty is better than wealth.

And may we reflect with ever deepening conviction, that we shall never be at our best except when we hew only to the primary spiritual aim of A.A.--"That of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers alcoholism."

Bill W.

An Excerpt from the October 1987 Vol. 44 No. 5 Grapevine

The Rise and Fall of a Home Group

Bill W. said that the force which will destroy Alcoholics Anonymous will come very slowly from inside the Fellowship. This group lasted some fourteen to seventeen years. AA consists of home groups, and as a Fellowship we are seeing a breakdown of this principal structure.

If we as a Fellowship don't carefully pass on to newer members the responsibilities that come with being a group, many more groups will go the way of this group. The old-timers must stick around to teach the newer members "how it works," not only in the Twelve Steps but in our groups. Sometimes the new people must drag the answers out of the old-timers, and if they are not at the meetings, we will repeat the mistakes made early in the Fellowship.

We must learn how to keep this Fellowship alive and our groups intact for the next member who needs it. By helping insure the sobriety of others to come, we insure our own sobriety today. The best member of Alcoholics Anonymous that one can be is the best member of "A Home Group" that one can be.

W. S., Rochester, New York

Primary Purpose Workshop (continued)

Comments, questions, and personal experiences

voiced at the August 27th presentation at the Area 43 Assembly in Kittery, ME

1. I identify myself only as Alcoholic, though I am more...
2. How can I be friendly and helpful to addicts without conflicting with our Primary Purpose?
3. I am a recovering heroin addict, [not sure if this person considers self an alcoholic] but I identify in a meeting as Alcoholic; have learned to respect A.A. Traditions.
4. There are not enough NA meetings around, so “addicts have to go to A.A.” [Why not start your own NA group?] (uninformed) A.A. members tell them they do not belong.
5. I’ve been sober in A.A. for 38 years and have seen many changes; we ought to welcome all people to (Open) A.A. meetings.
6. AlAnon members attend my Open A.A. meeting, and they are allowed to share. This appears to intimidate A.A. members and keep them from speaking.
7. I don’t want to be so rigid as to send addicts away from A.A. meetings, as I have seen those addicts die.
8. Rehabs gave me science; A.A. kept me sober. We need to share our experiences with newcomers, to allow them to identify and find a reason to stay.
9. A gay man died of suicide. I don’t care whether it was the pills or booze that killed him.
10. Cocaine brought me to A.A., thank God; nobody told me I was not welcome.
11. These Problems – “other problems” – are documented in the GV back into the 1940’s.
Suggestion: please direct newcomers to our literature.
 - Problems Other Than Alcohol
 - Is A.A. For Me (formerly 44Questions)
12. Folks who are not Alcoholics *should not* hold A.A. Service Positions.

NEXT AREA ASSEMBLY is the INVENTORY ASSEMBLY, November 19, 2016, 8am–4pm

Hosted by District 15 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church,
Corner of Locust and Hale Streets, Dover, NH

Some thoughts on Self-Support and the Birthday Plan from AA Grapevine*

We have heard it often — I have said it too often — and I know it is horribly trite, but say it I must. How much more than ten dollars has each of us thrown away on just one drunk? What did we receive for our ten dollars then?” (A. F. K., Little Rock, Arkansas, September 1956)

“We alcoholics take too literally the ‘no dues, no fees’ part of the program.... We are a small group, and our collections are necessarily low, but we find that by setting aside only one dollar from each collection, and placing it in the group’s General Service Fund, which is not available for any other purpose, we will always have our group contribution to forward to the General Service Office. The dollar is never missed.” (The Bleeding Deacon of Deer Creek D, Nevada City, California, October 1956)

“For the past three or four years now, I have had a growing feeling that the A.A. Birthday Plan isn’t being used nearly as much as it would be if more of our members knew of its existence.... To me, this seems most unfortunate, because lack of knowledge about this plan will keep many new members from ever knowing the feeling of satisfaction which comes from using it. There is real joy in earning the privilege of contributing to the work of the Fellowship.” (M. R., Cordell, Oklahoma, April 1969)

“Working on the General Service Committee in this area, I am getting

educated to the big picture. I am learning from experience how difficult it is to talk about, let alone get real interest in, the fact that we have a world-wide responsibility for the maintenance and growth of A.A.

Ours is a program of shared responsibility, as well as shared experience, strength, and hope. I believe it’s vital to our spiritual well-being for each of us to take on our part of that responsibility, in proportion with our individual means.... Let’s all of us who owe our lives to A.A. give more as we grow more.” (F. F., Bethesda, Maryland, October 1972)

“Think about what you could and should do, and remember that alcoholism is a family business: your children and grandchildren are stockholders and may not know it yet. What you invest today in this Fellowship will insure that the hand of A.A. will be there when and if a member of your family needs it.” (Stanley K., Temple, Texas, May 2000)

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Birthday contribution envelopes are available at no charge from G.S.O. (FR-2 for group contributions, and FR-5 for individual members), or birthday and recurring contributions can be made on G.S.O.’s A.A. website at aa.org (click on the basket icon). Any and all contributions are welcomed, regardless of the size or frequency. The hope is that a future A.A. can one day say, as Ab did: “I have outlived my real birthday and I am living from my first contact in A.A.”



NEW MEETING
Safe Harbor Recovery Center
865 Islington Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801
Thursdays 1:30–2:30pm

Do you love ACRONYMS?

Call a HALT ... don't despair, live FAIR

H Hungry	F Food
A Angry	A Acceptance
L Lonely	I Intimacy
T Tired	R Rest

—By Bill P.

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For other open chairs, please email Pete at chairperson@nhaa.net if you are interested. Also, please consider volunteering on a committee and getting to know your chairs. They can all be reached at their NHAA service office email addresses which are posted on the website.

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Statement of Purpose:
The New Hampshire Area Pipeline will be the voice of Alcoholics Anonymous within Area 43. Its editors and staff will be primarily accountable to New Hampshire AA Area 43 as a whole. Within the bounds of friendliness and good taste, the Pipeline will enjoy perfect freedom of speech on all matters directly pertaining to Alcoholics Anonymous within Area 43. Like the AA movement it mirrors, the primary purpose of the New Hampshire Pipeline will be to try to carry the AA message to alcoholics and practice the AA principles in all its affairs.

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PLEASE NOTE: Saturday, September 3rd and Monday, September 5th the office is closed for the Labor Day Holiday.

Get Your Events Listed on the Area Website!

If you're planning a Group, District, or Area event and would like to spread the word, you can submit your event information online at www.nhaa.net/submit-event

Get Your Group on the NH Area Website Meeting List!

If you are starting a new group or need to make changes to the information of an existing meeting, you can do this easily by submitting the information online:

- **New Group Form:** <http://www.nhaa.net/new-group>
- **Group Change Form:** <http://www.nhaa.net/group-change>

Please contact our Webmaster if you need any help at
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August 2016 Contributions—Thank You!

Thank you to all the groups that contribute to Area 43. Your contributions are critical to the continued success of AA in our Area as we carry the message to fellow alcoholics. We'll be publishing the donation list quarterly and greatly need your continued support, especially now in these challenging times — thank you!

12 STEP GROUP, , CLAREMONT
A NEW DAY GROUP, NASHUA
A NEW DAY GROUP, NASHUA
AS BILL SEES IT, EXETER
BAIGIS GROUP, TAMWORTH
BIG BOOK GROUP, ROCHESTER
COURAGE TO CHANGE, MANCHESTER
COURAGE TO CHANGE, RAYMOND
DERBY DISCUSSION, BERLIN
DERRY ORIGINAL GROUP, DERRY
DERRY WOMEN'S GROUP, DERRY
DISCUSSION MEETING, NEWPORT
EARLY EVENING SERENITY, DERRY
EXETER BEGINNERS, EXETER
EXETER BIG BOOK, EXETER
EXETER SERENITY, EXETER
EXP, STRENGTH & HOPE, CONCORD
EYE OPENER GROUP, DOVER
FIRST LIGHT OF DAY, MANCHESTER
FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP, N. CONWAY
GENESIS 12 STEP GROUP, SALEM
GOOD MORN. PORTSMOUTH
HAPPY HOUR BB MTG, NEWPORT
HAPPY HOUR GROUP, CONCORD
HAPPY HOUR, PLYMOUTH
KEEP IT SIMPLE MENS, MUNSONVILL
KEEP IT SIMPLE, CONWAY
KEEP IT SIMPLE, MANCHESTER
KINGSTON 12 & 12, BRENTWOOD
LIVING BY THE BOOK, EPPING
LIVING SOBER GROUP, N. CONWAY
LOONY NOONER, LACONIA
MENS BARE FACTS & BRASS TACKS, H
MEN'S BEGINNERS GROUP, DERRY
MORNING REFLECTIONS, DOVER

NEW BOSTON GROUP, NEW BOSTON
NEW LONDON GROUP, NEW LONDON
ONE DAY AT A TIME, HOPKINTON
OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH, NASHUA
OWNER'S MANUAL BB, GONIC
PELHAM BIG BOOK, PELHAM
PETERBORO BB STEP STUDY
ROAD TO RECOVERY, DOVER
SAT AM BB STEP STUDY, NEWINGTON
SATURDAY MORN BROWN BAG
SATURDAY MORNING BB GRP, TILTON
SERENITYSISTERS, DERRY
SIMPLY GRATEFUL, EPSOM
SISTERS IN SOBRIETY, KEENE
SO NASHUA TODAY GROUP, NASHUA
SOBER AND FREE, NASHUA
SOBER, FREE & GRATEFUL, NASHUA
SOUHEGAN SUNRISE, MILFORD
SUNDAY MORNING GROUP, MEREDITH
SUNDAY SERENITY, MANCHESTER
SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT, LITTLE
T.O.A.D. GROUP, KEENE
TAKE A STEP, HAMPSTEAD
THERE IS A SOLUTION, KITTERY
THURSDAY STEP GROUP, LITTLETON
TUES NITE 12 STEP GRP, LACONIA
WHATS GOOD ABT RECOVERY TODAY, DOVER
WILMOT BB STEP STUDY, WILMOT
WOMEN IN DIGNITY, DURHAM
WOMEN'S BBSS, HOLLIS
WOMEN'S GROUP, KEENE
WOMENS NEW BEGINNINGS, MANCHESTER

AUGUST 2016 Group Changes

Town	Day	Start	End	Grp #	Group Name	Meeting Location	Address	Notes
Keene	Tuesday	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	719327	Step Sisters	Keene Unitarian	69 Washington St 2900 Dartmouth	GSO# added for T474
N Haverhill	Thursday	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	718401	North Haverhill 12&12	United Meth Ch	College Hwy	GSO# added for T459
Dover	M-F	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	718630	Weekday Wakeup Meeting	Triangle Club	120 Broadway	Name changed from What's Good About Recovery Today &GSO# added for T468
Exeter	Sunday	6:00 PM	7:15 PM	718461	Clear Cut Directions	United Meth Ch	370 Epping Rd	GSO# added for T460
Portsmouth	Sunday	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	718646	A New Freedom Big Bk Meeting	Cross Roads House	600 Lafayette Rd	GSO# added for T453
North Conway	Tuesday	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	108707	New Sunlight Group	Christ Episcopal Ch	16 Pine, Cmr Main (Rte 16)	Start/end time chged from 1:30 to 2:30pm, added St #
Manchester	Sunday	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	T465	Square Peg	Hope Recov Comm Ctr	140 Central	Changed back to original start/end time
DISBANDED GROUPS								
Town	Day	Start	End	Grp #	Group Name	Meeting Location	Address	Notes
Peterborough	Wednesday	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	683376	Peterborough	Trinity Evangelical Ch	Rte 101 West	

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... Stories for the PIPELINE

As always, we would love to receive submissions for *Pipeline* articles from our members. Share your Experience, Strength & Hope. We'd like to hear what inspires you to keep at this recovery journey day in and day out. Do not feel like you have to be a great writer to send something in. We have people to help with editing. **We even have a new submission button on our website!** Please submit articles of under 500 words to Pipeline@nhaa.net or mail to: NH Assembly Office, 1330 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, NH 03106, Attn: Pipeline. This is an honest fellowship; we presume all submissions are original or in the public domain. Following publication, all copyrights revert to the authors.

Report AA-related news from your district—round-ups, social functions, assemblies, calendar items, requests for volunteers, etc.

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to volunteer to take calls
in your area!

See the monthly
calendars for
September &
October, 2016
at nhaa.net

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Committee (SOC)
is looking for
members.
Please email
soc@nhaa.net or
chairperson
@nhaa.net
if interested.



New Years Alcathon



FREE!! All are welcome!!

St Julies Hall behind St. Joseph's Church

40 Main Street, Salem NH

Starts 12/31/16 at 6 pm Ends 1/1/17 at Noon.

Meetings every 1 ½ hours

Food donations welcome.

NH AREA 43 CHALLENGE



2015

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